

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಈಗ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ತ್ತರ ವೇಳೆ ಮುಗಿಯಿತು.

9-30 a.m.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು — ಮಾನ್ಯ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಈಗ ಒಂದು ಪೈಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Re: Supply of fertilisers.

SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry).—

During the meeting on Agriculture Production which was presided over by the Prime Minister, stress was laid on the need to increase the area under high-yielding varieties, considerably. Fertilizer is an essential input for all high-yielding varieties. Government have been considering for quite some time the need to supply adequate quantities of fertilizers for high-yielding varieties of crops so that the area under high-yielding varieties goes up from year to year. Government have also been giving some thought to the need for increased production of food grains during the current year. It is also desirable that certain commercial crops like oil seeds, sugar and cotton should receive the same encouragement in view of the extreme scarcity of fibre, sugar and cooking oil.

Considering all these factors and the need to step up the production of these crops, Government have now decided that all high-yielding varieties of crops should receive the full doses of fertilizers as recommended by the State Department of Agriculture. I am happy to state that a Government order incorporating all these decisions is being issued to-day. All these increased dosages are in enhancement of the dosage which were notified on 7th August by GO No. AF 70 AFT 72. This GO of 7th August had enhanced considerably the dosage which were notified during the last season and now I am pleased to say that Government have decided to give full doses for all high-yielding and hybrid crops enhanced doses to more crops. Such commercial crops and export oriented crops which deserve all encouragement have been also included. These are Mulberry, Sunflower, Potatoes, Sweet-potatoes, and tapioca. I have included sweet potatoes and tapioca as a measure of increasing the available production of all tuber crops. Since vegetables play an important part in our diet, vegetables will also receive the full doses of fertilizers as recommended by the State Department of Horticulture.

(SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA)

It is not that Government do not consider certain other crops to be important. The strategy of agriculture production in the State is a multicrop approach. As a matter of fact we lay equal stress on all the crops. It is however, extremely difficult in a situation of scarcity to give full doses of fertilizers to all the crops. However, for certain crops, which have a direct bearing on the States economy, the doses of fertilisers have been considerably enhanced. Sugar would now therefore receive 100 Kgs. of Nitrogen per hectare. Likewise Grapes will receive 50 Kgs of Nitrated ground nut will receive 20 Kgs. of N, and groundnut under rain fed conditions will get 10Kgs of N, per hectare.

The Hon'ble Members might feel that injustices has been done to other crops. However, as I have explained before, the need of the hour is to increase food production and certain other essential crops which we used for our daily living. These are Sugar, Cooking oil, Fibre and Vegetables. Such other crops like Grapes which have been traditionally important crops for the states economy will receive enhanced doses. I am sure the Hon'ble Members would cooperate with me and ensure that the available fertilizers are equitably distributed to all Sectors in Agriculture. I have recently introduced card system I remember that many of the Hon'ble Members had demanded on this floor increased doses for several crops. I have taken into consideration all these demands and the statements made by the other members and after careful consideration of the several factors involved in increasing the production of food grains and commercial crops, Government have decided to give full doses of Fertilizers for all high-yielding and hybrid varieties of crops, and enhanced doses of Fertilisers for several other crops. I have placed on the table of this House a copy of the G.O. No. 70 AFT 72 dated 21st August 1974 which gives full details. I presume that the promises that I had made to the Hon'ble Members have now been fulfilled.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Subject: Distribution of Fertilisers-District-Wise allotments
Fixation of revised doses to different crops.

ORDER NO. AF 70 AFT 72,

BANGALORE, DATED 21ST AUGUST 1974

Read:—

- (1) Government Order No. AF 70 AFT 72, dated 8—2—1974
- (2) Government Order No. AF 70 AFT 72, dated 27—2—1974
- (3) Government Order No. AF 70 AFT 72, dated 7—8—1974

Preamble:—

Government have given due consideration to the existing supplies of fertilisers. Taking into consideration all the sources of supplies, Government feel that the doses of fertilisers as notified in Government Order No. AF 70 AFT 72 dated 7th August 1974 can be further increased in respect of certain crops. Government have also considered the need to achieve the targets of food production set for the year 1974-75. In the recent meeting presided over by the Prime Minister, stress was laid on the need to expand the coverage of area under high-yielding crops. Government feel that the area under high-yielding varieties should be stepped up considerably keeping in view the needs of food production and overall agricultural production.

ORDER

Considering all the above factors, Government are pleased to make the following order:

The following crops shall receive the full doses of fertilisers as recommended by the State Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture and Sericulture:

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| 1. High-yielding paddy. | 9. Sea-Island Cotton |
| 2. High-yielding wheat | 10. Sunflower |
| 3. High-yielding Ragi | 11. Potatoes |
| 4. Hybrid Jowar | 12. Sweet potatoes |
| 5. Hybrid Maize | 13. Tapioca |
| 6. Hybrid Bazra | 14. Mulberry |
| 7. Hybrid-4 cotton | 15. Vegetables |
| 8. Varalakshmi cotton | |

The following crops shall receive enhanced doses of fertilisers.—

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| 1. Sugar Cane—Factory Zone | / 100 Kgs. per Hectare. |
| 2. Ground Nut—Irrigated | 20 „ do |
| 3. Ground Nut—Dry | 10 „ do |
| 4. Grapes | 50 „ do |